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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. WEEKEND PRESS CARRIES NOTICE THAT THESSALONIKI AND OTHER GREEK UNIVERSITIES CLOSED DECEMBER 15 FOR CHRISTMAS RECESS. WELCOME CEREMONY FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS, PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED, WAS HELD DEC 15 PRIOR TO CLOSING. PAPERS ALSO REPORT CONTINUING RELEASE OF STUDENTS HELD HERE SINCE NOV 17 DISORDERS AT POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL.

2. COMMENT: WHILE PAPERS GIVE IMPRESSION THAT ALL THOSE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH STUDENT DISORDERS TO BE RELEASED BY DEC 17, USIS SOURCES REPORT THAT "TO VIMA" CORRESPONDENT DEMETRIOS KAISSIS, ARRESTED INSIDE POLYTECHNIC BUILDING, IS STILL BEING HELD. LOCAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT EARLY CLOSURE OF UNIVERSITIES INTENDED TO FORESTALL RUMORED STUDENT GATHERING DEC 17 MARKING EVENTS ONE MONTH AGO AT POLYTECHNIC. WHILE POLICE SOURCES CLAIM THAT NO TROUBLES WERE ANTICIPATED HERE, GUARDS WERE NOTED OUTSIDE POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL DEC 17. VISITORS TO CAMPUS REPORTED THAT OTHERWISE UNIVERSITY WAS CALM AND THAT MANY STUDENTS

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